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SUBJECT: CUSTODY CASE

REF: ROTTERDAM 740

FOR: CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

1. DURING CONFERENCE DISCUSSED PARA 4 OF REFTTEL LOCAL AUTHORITIES MADE CLEAR THEIR INSISTENCE ON SUITABILITY INVESTIGATION ON RYAN IS BASED ON ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST HIM BY NOW-DECEASED WIFE CONCERNING HIS CHARACTER AND CONDUCT DURING TIME THEY WERE MARRIED. IF TRUE, THESE STATEMENTS WOULD REFLECT NEGATIVELY UPON HIS FITNESS AS PARENT.

2. WHILE DENYING THAT THESE CHARGES HAVE ANY BASIS IN FACT, RYAN RELUCTANTLY AGREES WITH DESIRE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DISPELL THESE IMPLICATIONS TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE BEFORE TURNING CHILD OVER TO HIM. CONGEN HAS BEEN ACCORDED ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY IN CONTACTING APPROPRIATE U.S. CHILD WELFARE AGENCY TO CARRY OUT STATESIDE INVESTIGATION AND IN FORWARDING ITS REPORT TO DISTRICT COURT IN ROERMOND.

3. REQUEST REP. HAYS' OFFICE BE CONTACTED TO GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESPONSIBLE CHILD WELFARE OFFICE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO, SO THAT LETTER CONTAINING SUBSTANCE OF MATTERS TO BE LOOKED INTO MAY BE FORWARDED SOONEST. JEFFERSON COUNTY IN HAYS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

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4. CONCURRENT WITH OUR ACTIONS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL CONDUCT PARALLEL INQUIRIES IN NETHERLANDS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON EFFECT OF TRANSITION UPON MENTAL HEALTH OF CHILD. DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN ROERMOND IS PRESSING FOR SPEED AND AUTHORITIES AIM TO CONCLUDE LOCAL INVESTIGATION WITHIN TWO MONTHS. ALL REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, ETC., WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE DISTRICT COURT AT ROERMOND, WHICH WILL THEN DECIDE CASE.
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